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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0348

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SUBJECT: KINSHASA: 1998 ANNUAL TERRORISM REPORT

REF: STATE 202128

11. KINSHASA'S ANNUAL SUBMISSION FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT HAS BEEN CLEARED BY ALL RELEVANT SECTIONS IN THE EMBASSY.

12. AS REQUESTED, THE RESPONSE MIRRORS THE FORMAT PROVIDED IN REFTEL.

A) THERE HAVE BEEN NO ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM OR SIGNIFICANT ACTS OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM DURING 1998. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE HAVE BEEN NO COURT ACTIONS AND NO JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS TO MEASURE THE HOST GOVERNMENT ACTIONS IN THIS AREA.

B) THE GDROC HAS NOT EXTRADITED OR BEEN REQUESTED TO EXTRADITE ANY SUSPECTED TERRORISTS DURING THE YEAR NOR HAS THE USG REQUESTED ANY SUCH ACTION.

C) N/A

D) THE GDROC STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE TERRORIST BOMBINGS OF THE US EMBASSIES IN NAIROBI AND DAR ES SALAAM. THE STATEMENTS WERE MADE PUBLICLY BY PRESIDENT KABILA IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BOMBINGS.

E) N/A

F) ACCORDING TO OTHER REPORTING THERE MAY BE PASSIVE, FINANCIAL SUPPORT GROUPS OF THE HIZBOLLAH IN KINSHASA. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE GDROC SUPPORTS, KNOWS OF OR ASSISTS THIS GROUP IN ANY WAY.

G) WHILE THE GDROC HAS MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF A TERRORIST-SUPPORTING COUNTRY ON A TERRORISM ISSUE, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THREE STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM ARE SUPPORTING THE GDROC IN ITS CURRENT WAR. THE SUPPORTING NATIONS ARE: LIBYA, SUDAN AND CUBA.

H) N/A

I) N/A

J) OUTSIDE OF REQUESTING NAME TRACES AND DOCUMENT SEARCHES, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUBSTANTIAL REQUESTS MADE OF THE GDROC IN THIS AREA. THE GDROC HAS ALWAYS BEEN COOPERATIVE IN THE AREA OF NAME TRACES AND DOCUMENT SEARCHES BUT IS LIMITED IN THE ABILITY TO CONDUCT A COMPLETE AND CONVINCING SEARCH.

JI) N/A

JII) THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO OPEN CT CASES THAT THE RSO IS WORKING WITH THE GDROC. IN ALL RESPECTS THE GDROC HAS EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO INVESTIGATE AND ASSIST BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT PERSONNEL HAVE NO EXPERIENCE, ARE ILL-TRAINED AND EQUIPPED AND REQUIRE MUCH COACHING IN ANY TERRORIST INVESTIGATION.

K) THE GDROC IS CURRENTLY COOPERATING BY ALLOWING THE US EMBASSY TO SEAL OFF NORMAL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AROUND THE CHANCERY AND CONSULATE (BOTH SIT DIRECTLY ON THE STREET). WHILE THE GDROC HAS VERBALLY INDICATED THAT THE STREETS CAN BE CLOSED DOWN IT IS UNCERTAIN IF THE GDROC WILL ALLOW THIS TO BE MADE A PERMANENT DETERRENT

TO TERRORISM.

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